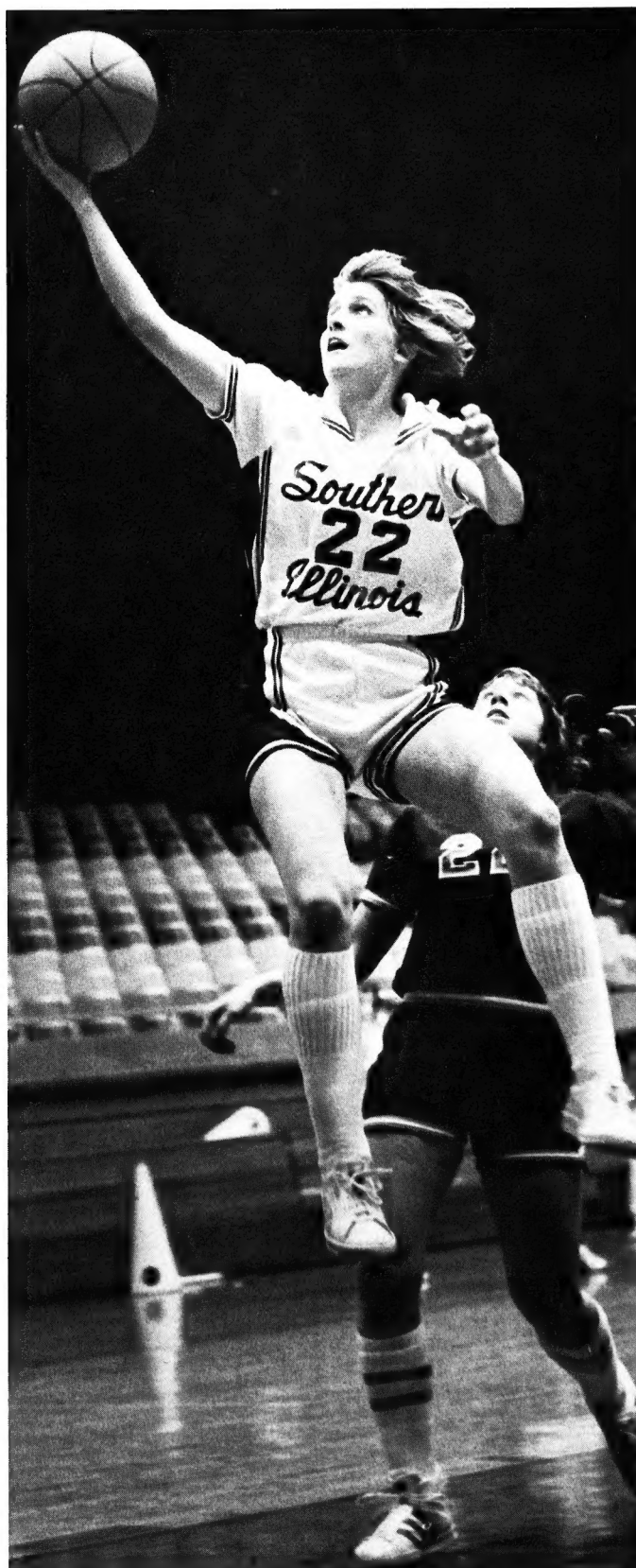


1981-82 Schedule

November 21
at Murray State
November 30
INDIANA
December 5
at Southeast Missouri
December 11
NORTHWESTERN
December 12
UI-CHICAGO CIRCLE
December 14
at Louisville
December 19
UCLA
December 21
at Wichita State
January 5
MURRAY STATE
January 8
at UT-Martin
January 12
ILLINOIS STATE
January 15-16
at Lady Kat Invit., Lexington Ky.
January 18
WESTERN KENTUCKY
January 22-23
at Arby's Illini Classic, Champaign, Ill.
January 29
DRAKE
January 30
MISSOURI
February 5
at Purdue
February 6
at Indiana State
February 8
at Eastern Illinois
February 10
ST. LOUIS U
February 12
MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
February 19
at Illinois
February 20
at Western Illinois
February 26
at Drake
February 27
at Northern Illinois
March 3-5
MO. VALLEY CONFERENCE TOUR.

All Home Games, SIU Arena, 7:30 p.m.



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Field Hockey

Schedule

Sept. 5-6	*Penn State Invitational	Away
Sept. 12	Indiana (V & JV)	Away, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Purdue (V & JV)	Away
Sept. 19	Eastern Ill., Principia (V & JV)	Home, Wham
Sept. 20	St. Louis U. (V & JV)	Home, McAndrew, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Indiana State (V & JV)	Away, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Central Michigan	Away, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26-27	Sauk Valley Weekend (V & JV)	Brooklyn, Mich.
Oct. 2	Louisville	Away, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Eastern Kentucky	Away, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	SIU-Edwardsville	Away, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Southwest Missouri (JV)	Home, Wham, 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Southwest Missouri (V & JV)	Home, Wham, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Western Illinois (V & JV)	Away
Oct. 25	Carbondale Club (V & JV)	Home, McAndrew, 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 30-31	MW Regional Qualifying Tour.	DeKalb, Ill.
Nov. 6-7	Midwest Regional C'ship	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
Nov. 18-21	IAIAW Div. I National C'ship	Berkeley, Calif.

*Exhibition Only



Ellen Massey (r) on the attack. Renee Skrzypchak and Deb Dennis in background.

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Outlook

It's not easy to be positive with a rebuilding year staring you in the face. But Coach Julee Illner sees some parallels between her '81 squad and her '77 team that won a State title and eventually placed 13th nationally.

"The '77 team was offensively oriented," Illner remembered. "We were without key people on defense but our recruits and subs proved to be capable replacements. This year's team should score like the '77 team. We have experience and skill on the forward line and in the link positions, but we'll be starting over with a new backfield."

Last year, the Salukis' scoring machine collapsed after Ellen Massey, its main operator, was sidelined for nearly a month of late season. During that stretch, SIUC began a tailspin that resulted in eight losses and a winless post-season. Illner's gang also failed to qualify for the Midwest Regionals for the first time ever.

This season, Illner will be depending almost solely on a veteran offense. On defense, she will look for contributions from several 1980 substitutes with hopes they will benefit from added game experience and click as a unit before mid-season.

In short, Illner's bid to again qualify for the Midwest Regionals and improve on last year's 12-10-2 worksheet will rest upon a potentially explosive attack and a quickly improving defense.

Illner's chief concern for fall is directed toward the defensive backfield where the loss of two starters to graduation have left holes. Plans call for a new system that will rely heavily upon sophomores Dore Weil and Linda Brown.

Weil, last year's top recruit, only saw limited action during her rookie season. But the promising redhead now appears to have completed the transition to college play and ready to assume a major role at right halfback.

Brown, a hard driver who possesses the most powerful flick on the team, will be at left halfback.

The main cogs in SIUC's midfield will be Barb Smith, a junior link, and center halfback, Karen Tonks. Tonks,

described by Illner as "an excellent back who positions well and distributes play smoothly to both sides of the field" should spark play both offensively and defensively. The New Jersey native was one of SIUC's top midfielders last year as a sophomore. Smith, who was selected MVP at the 1980 Illinois AIAW State Championship despite the Salukis' winless showing, should provide added offensive punch from her link position. Quickness and scrappiness make Smith tough to beat defensively, according to Illner.

Other links who will be counted upon both offensively and defensively this season include Cindy Clausen, a fiery senior, and senior Barb Donohue, a speed merchant who has but two years of playing experience.

Two freshmen, Sharon Leidy and Nancy McAuley, are pegged as defensive starters and have the potential to provide immediate help as well.

The single position on defense that could prove to be SIUC's Achilles heel this fall, however, is goalie. Missing will be Kenda Cunningham, who anchored the Salukis' backfield for four years, allowing only 107 goals in 115 games while posting 55 shutouts.

Peg O'Laughlin, of nearby Edwardsville, Ill., will share duties in the cage with freshman Lisa Cuocci in September. O'Laughlin, a sophomore with one year's experience on the junior varsity, will probably get the first look on a season opening swing to Indiana and Purdue.

Cuocci, Holmdel, N.J., is described by Illner as a self taught goalie with solid potential who could be starting by mid-season.

On offense, the Salukis should be sound. Ellen Massey, SIUC's No. 4 all-time scorer, returns at left inner. The Farmer City, Ill., native should have no drawbacks from last year's injury and is expected to add substantially to her 37 career goals.

At the wings, Illner will have senior captain Peg Kielsmeier and Cindy Davis, an experienced duo with outstanding speed. Davis, a junior from Cheshire, Conn., was Illner's second leading scorer last year, netting 11 goals. Kielsmeier, chipped in with four scoring tallies.



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Probable Starters by Position and Alignment

LW—Davis	CF—Massey	RW—Kielsmeier
LL—Leidy	CF—Smith	RL—Clausen
LH—Brown	CH—Tonks	RH—Weil
Sweeper—Donohue/McAuley		
Goalie—O'Laughlin/Cuocci		